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(C) A/Political Counselor delivered reftel points March 5 in advance of the March 10 - 11 GAERC meeting of EU Foreign Ministers to Antonia Katzoulou, the GAERC coordinator in the MFA All Directorate for Commmon Foreign and Security Policy. After reviewing the points, Katzoulou told us March 6 that Greece believes "this GAERC will not take any decisions." She termed the U.S. points "helpful," adding that most were "well known positions." She said that the COREPER is still ongoing, and it may decide to defer discussion of Afghanistan and Pakistan to the April GAERC. Her only substantive comment was on the U.S. request related to Iranian sanctions. She noted that the U.S. had asked that e new UN sanctions as qQ that the EU sanctionHARD